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SUBJ: DETENTION OF AP CORRESPONDENT LUDINGTON

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IN ORDER TO ASSIST US IN HANDLING SYRIAN ARRESTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN FUTURE, REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICER OF EMBASSY BEIRUT DEBRIEF LUDINGTON ON ALL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS RECENT DETENTION. QUESTIONS WHICH WE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE ANSWERED ARE: (A) WHERE, HOW AND BY WHOM HE WAS ARRESTED; (B) DID HE REQUEST PERMISSION TO CALL EMBASSY OR THAT AUTHORITIES NOTIFY EMBASSY OF HIS DETENTION; IF SO WHAT REACTION; (C) ORGANIZATION AND NAMES OF ANY OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DETENTION AND INTERROGATIONS; (D) WHERE HE WAS HELD; (E) DETAILS OF INTERROGATION; (F) ANY INDICATION HE HAD THAT EMBASSY AND AP EFFORTS THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS WERE GETTING THROUGH; (G) ANY INDICATION HOW AND BY WHOM DECISION WAS MADE TO RELEASE HIM; AND (H) ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE OR OTHER MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED HIS RELEASE EARLIER. MURPHY

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